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SUBJ: GIEREK VISITS INDIA

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1. PZPR FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK AND A HIGH-RANKING PARTY-STATE DELEGATION LEFT WARSAW ON JANUARY 23, ON THE FIRST LEG OF A THREE-DAY (JANUARY 24-27) VISIT TO INDIA. THEY WERE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY INDIAN CHARGE MENON, SOVIET CHARGE RAGULIN, AND IRANIAN AMBASSADOR DARAI. ON JANUARY 24, TRYBUNA LUDU REPORTED THAT THE DELEGATION HAD STOPPED OVER IN TASHKENT, WHERE "FRIENDLY" TALKS WERE HELD WITH THE "HIGHEST UZBEKISTAN AUTHORITIES," INCLUDING FIRST SECRETARY OF THE UZBEK CP, SHARAF RASHYDOV.

2. SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INDIAN VISIT ON DECEMBER 15, 1976, POLISH MEDIA HAVE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO GIEREK'S FIRST TRIP TO ASIA. WITH THE GROUNDWORK ALREADY LAID FOR MOST AGREEMENTS, NO SURPRISES ARE EXPECTED. THE JOURNEY'S SIGNIFICANCE  
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SEEMS TO LIE IN THE FACT THAT, WITH GIEREK AT ITS HEAD, THIS IS THE HIGHEST RANKING POLISH DELEGATION EVER TO VISIT INDIA. AGREEMENTS ARE TO BE SIGNED IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, CULTURAL EXCHANGES, AND CIVIL AVIATION. COMMENT: THE CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT WILL BE ANOTHER STEP BY THE GOP TO GAIN AN AVIATION FOOTHOLD IN ASIA, THE FIRST BEING THE CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT WITH LAOS, SIGNED IN OCTOBER 1976. END COMMENT.

3. SINCE THE FIRST POLISH-INDIAN TRADE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN 1949, INDIA HAS REMAINED POLAND'S MOST IMPORTANT THIRD WORLD COMMERCIAL PARTNER. THE PERIOD 1971-75 SAW AN AVERAGE 23.3 PER CENT ANNUAL INCREASE IN POLISH-INDIAN TRADE, THE GREATEST EVER, AND IN 1975, POLISH-INDIAN BUSINESS ACCOUNTED FOR 15.6 PER CENT OF ALL OF POLAND'S FOREIGN TRADE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (1.2 PER CENT OF POLAND'S FOREIGN TRADE OVERALL). ALTHOUGH THE 1971-75 GROWTH RATE WILL DECREASE DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, POLISH WEEKLIES POLITYKA AND ZYCIE GOSPODARCZE REPORT THAT IT WILL REMAIN "DYNAMIC". BETWEEN 1977 AND 1980 POLISH IMPORTS OF INDIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WILL REPORTEDLY DECREASE FROM 61.9 PERCENT OF OVERALL POLISH-INDIAN TRADE TO 56.4 PER CENT, RAW MATERIALS (MAINLY IRON ORE) WILL INCREASE FROM 8.1 PERCENT TO 13.6 PERCENT, WITH FINISHED PRODUCTS REMAINING AT 30 PERCENT. FOR THE SAME PERIOD POLISH EXPORTS TO INDIA OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL PRODUCTS WILL DECREASE FROM 56.6 PERCENT OF OVERALL POLISH-INDIAN TRADE TO 31.5 PERCENT, ELECTRONIC AND HEAVY MACHINE PRODUCTS WILL INCREASE FROM 27.3 PERCENT TO 60.3 PERCENT, WITH REMAINING EXPORTS DECREASING FROM 16.1 PERCENT TO 8.2 PERCENT. ACCORDING TO STANISLAW DABKOWSKI AND ANDRZEJ FIJALKOWSKI, WRITING IN THE JANUARY 16, 1977, EDITION OF ZYCIE GOSPODARCZE, THE POLES SEE THREE MAIN ASPECTS FOR FUTURE POLISH-INDIAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION: -) "...ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IN THOSE FIELDS WHERE THERE ALREADY EXIST SIGNIFICANT PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES..." AND WHERE POLISH AND INDIAN INDUSTRY COMPLEMENT ONE ANOTHER, SUCH AS HEAVY AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINES; B) "...DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BY ORGANIZING JOINT VENTURES," SUCH AS DEEP SEA FISHING, POTATO AND

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MEAT PROCESSING, AND PHARMACEUTICALS; AND C) "...CONTINUATION AND BROADENING OF COOPERATION IN ALL BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY IN WHICH COOPERATION HAS ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED AND WHERE CHANCES FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT ARE ESPECIALLY GREAT," SUCH AS COAL AND OTHER MINING, NON-STEEL METAL WORKS, SHIPBUILDING, AND CHEMICAL, ENERGY, AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES.

4. COMMENT: AN INDIAN DIPLOMAT IN WARSAW HAS TOLD US THE GIEREK VISIT WILL BE UNREMARKABLE, AND, DESPITE HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT BY THE INDIANS, WHO ARE PREOCCUPIED AT THE MOMENT WITH INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. GENERALLY, THE POLES PROBABLY CONSIDER THIS TRIP ANOTHER STEP IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH ASIAN COUNTRIES. A GIEREK VISIT TO VIETNAM, PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TOGETHER WITH HIS INDIAN TRIP, MAY BE NEXT ON THE AGENDA. THE POLES ALSO REMAIN QUITE INTERESTED IN ARRANGING A VISIT TO JAPAN FOR THE FIRST SECRETARY SOMETIME THIS YEAR, BUT OUR JAPANESE COLLEAGUES IN WARSAW HAVE YET TO SHOW ANY GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

END COMMENT.

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